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8 CHAIRPERSON JAMES:

9 Susan Tucker.

10 MS. TUCKER: Good afternoon, almost  
11 evening.

12 My name is Sue Tucker, I'm an educator, a  
13 strategic planner, a former member of the Massachusetts  
14 House of Representatives and I also coordinated the  
15 Massachusetts Anti-Casino Coalition and it was a very  
16 proud day when my former colleagues voted casinos down  
17 123 to 31, last May.

18 But I'm here to share with you some of my  
19 learnings from citizens as I was working on this  
20 coalition. And to share a prediction with you that I  
21 think speaks directly to what you're struggling with,  
22 which is what is government's appropriate role in  
23 relationship to games of chance, whether state  
24 sponsored, privately sponsored, et cetera? It has to

1 do with a simple question which is on our new 10<sup>th</sup>  
2 grade Massachusetts Education Reform math test: Simon  
3 is conducting a probability experiment, he randomly  
4 selects a tag from a set of tags that are numbered from  
5 one to one hundred and then returns the tag to the set.  
6 He is trying to draw a tag that matches his favorite  
7 number, 21, he has not matched his number after 99  
8 draws, what are the chances he'll match his number on  
9 the 100<sup>th</sup> draw?

10 I'm not going to embarrass anyone in this  
11 audience and ask them to answer that question, but I  
12 guarantee you that most Americans can't answer it and I  
13 guarantee you the state is scared to death about the  
14 results of this tenth grade math test. But you and I  
15 know who can answer that question, and those are all  
16 the statisticians that work for the lotteries and work  
17 for the casinos.

18 And that brings me back to my issue, what  
19 is the role of government, and I suggest it is to level  
20 the playing field, to provide at least, information on  
21 the risks and odds when people play games of chance.  
22 Now other people have referenced government's role in  
23 relationship to that with many, many things, And I'll  
24 tell you, Americans go ballistic when they think the

1 playing field is not fair. They did it with tobacco,  
2 they did with food labeling, Americans want to know,  
3 okay, if I'm going to eat fat, okay, you tell me what  
4 is in it. They want accurate labeling and they want  
5 disclosure and they want truth.

6 Now, my prediction is this, to end my  
7 statement here, that with all due respect to this  
8 Commission and with all due respect to my former  
9 colleagues in the legislatures, this issue will be  
10 decided by the people because the people and the  
11 citizens and the voters are going to catch on and they  
12 are going to say, they're going to tell us what the  
13 role of government is. And as more and more people are  
14 perceived as "being taken advantage of by either the  
15 state or private industry" they're going to rise up and  
16 say, give us the odds, tell us the information, tell us  
17 the information.

18 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.